

**South-Western City Schools
Minutes – Regular Meeting
January 6, 2025**

The South-Western City School District Board of Education met in regular session on January 6, 2025 at 7:12 p.m. with the following members present:

Denise D'Angelo Steele
Julie Liskany
Kelli Martindale
Camille Peterson
Chris Boso

25-07 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the January 6, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

25-08 **Ms. Liskany moved** that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for the December 9, 2024 meeting as attached.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

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BOARD REPORTS

There were no Board Reports.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation relative to agenda items.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Martindale provided a student and staff achievement report as follows:

SWCSD Student Achievements

Grove City High School NJROTC Cadet Morgan Zelenak has been selected to attend the Chief of Naval Air Forces (CNAF) Private Scholarship Program. Only ten cadets were chosen for this all-paid flight school this summer. This is the second Grove City NJROTC cadet to earn this scholarship.

SWCSD Gives Back

Last month, GCHS gridiron Greyhounds volunteered at the Mid-Ohio Food Market in Grove City, and in total, 40 members of our football team greeted customers, assisted with stocking shelves, helped check customers out, and helped load groceries into cars. Great job, Greyhounds!

In December, Ninth-grade student council members at Grove City High School took on a community service project making Christmas cards for local senior citizens in Grove City! Great job spreading cheer to fellow community members.

Last month, the South-Western Preschool Program held a food/toy drive for the holidays and through donations they

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were able to support 10 of our families.

In December Highland Park Elementary School families held a canned good and dry goods for their Kindness Food Drive. The Student Council created all the marketing materials and kept tabulation throughout the drive. Through the drive's efforts, Highland Park was able to donate 1,087 food items to the White Christmas Food Drive benefiting Grove City families.

In addition to Highland Park, last month, students at Franklin Heights High School collected over 3,000 canned food items for the White Christmas Food Pantry initiative.

25-09 **Ms. Liskany moved** that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal & Operational Management items as presented.

1. Revised Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised permanent appropriations for December 2024. (See X-1)

[X-1.pdf \(74 KB\)](#)

2. Investments & Financial Statements for December 2024

It is recommended that the Board of Education in accordance with Section 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code approve December investments (See X-2) and Cash Position Report (See X-3).

[X-2.pdf \(110 KB\)](#)

[X-3.pdf \(63 KB\)](#)

3. Payment of Bills

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve payment of bills according to the list of checks for the month of December 2024. (See X-4)

[X-4.pdf \(116 KB\)](#)

4. Donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the donations of \$31,461.15 as detailed in X-5 and authorize letters of appreciation be sent to the donors.

[X-5.pdf \(85 KB\)](#)

5. Authorization to Pay Bills in Accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for December which were not processed in accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code. (See X-6)

[X-6.pdf \(88 KB\)](#)

6. Approve the Master Supply Agreement with Direct Energy Business, LLC

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Master Supply Agreement with Direct Energy Business, LLC to supply electricity at a fixed adder per kilowatt-hour of \$0.015 cents for the period of July 2025 through July 2027.

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[X-7.pdf \(231 KB\)](#)

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Mrs. Martindale, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

25-10 Mrs. D'Angelo Steele moved that the Board of Education approve the Policy item as presented.

1. First Reading of New Policy

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following new policy.

po2265	Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology
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[po2265 - New - Protections of Individual Beliefs Affiliations Ideals or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology.pdf \(89 KB\)](#)

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that this policy brings us in line with House Bill 214.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye
Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

25-11 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the Students/School/Community items as presented.

1. Central Crossing High School Winter Guard to Travel to Flint, Michigan

WHEREAS, Central Crossing High School Winter Guard students have the opportunity to travel and compete at the WGI Regional Competition in Flint, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the trip will occur February 21-23, 2025 and students will miss zero days of school; and

WHEREAS, approximately 13 students will be accompanied by 2 adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via 9-passenger vans; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by CCHS Band Boosters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes Central Crossing High School Winter Guard students to travel to Flint, MI.

2. Central Crossing High School Winter Guard to Travel to Knoxville, Tennessee

WHEREAS, Central Crossing High School Winter Guard students have the opportunity to travel and compete at the WGI Regional Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, the trip will occur March 7-9, 2025 and students will miss one day of school; and

WHEREAS, approximately 13 students will be accompanied by 2 adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via 9-passenger vans; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by CCHS Band Boosters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes Central Crossing High School Winter Guard students to travel to Knoxville, TN.

3. Central Crossing High School Softball Team to Travel to Cocoa Beach, Florida

WHEREAS, the Central Crossing High School Softball Team wishes to compete and train in Cocoa Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for March 23-28, 2025 and students will miss zero days of school; and

WHEREAS, 16 students will be accompanied by three adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via charter bus and accommodations made at a local hotel in the area; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid through team fundraisers and athletic boosters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes the Central Crossing High School Softball Team to travel to Cocoa Beach, Florida.

4. Grove City High School NJROTC to Travel to Indianapolis, Indiana

WHEREAS, the Grove City High School NJROTC has the opportunity to participate in a regional drill meet at Pike High School and visit the Indiana War Museum in Indianapolis, IN; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for February 21-22, 2025 and students will miss one day of school; and

WHEREAS, 30 cadets will be accompanied by 1 adult chaperone; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via charter bus and accommodations will be at a local hotel in the area; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by NJROTC funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes the NJROTC cadets from Grove City High School to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana.

5. Grove City High School Student Council to Travel to Port Clinton, Ohio

WHEREAS, the Grove City High School Student Council wishes to attend leadership development at Port Clinton High School in Port Clinton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for March 14-15, 2025 and students will miss one day of classes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10 students will be accompanied by one adult chaperone; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be school bus and accommodations made at a nearby hotel; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by students/parents and Student Council funds;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes the Grove City High School Student Council members to travel to Port Clinton, Ohio.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

25-12 **Mrs. Peterson moved** that the Board of Education approve the Personnel items as presented.

CERTIFICATED AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Beljan, Jennifer L.	HCIS/6th Grade	8/17/25
Brownfield, Lance M.	CCHS/NJROTC	1/17/25

2. Resignations - Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Eckard, Timothy T.	WHS/Social Studies-DL	6/30/25
Edwards, Mark A.	FES/EFES/Phys Ed	7/31/25
Loar, Tracy L.	GCHS/French	6/30/25
Wiedemann, Scott E.	NMS/Intervention Spec	6/30/25

3. Resignations - Supplemental

<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>Westland High School</u>		
Asst. Cheerleading Advisor - Winter	Edwards, Kiya M.	11/1/24

4. Resignations - Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jacobs, Olivia M.	11/22/24

CERTIFICATED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Request for Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Reason for Request</u>	<u>Effective Date of Leave Request</u>
Bardnell, Erika M.	EFES/Interv Spec	Medical	11/18/24 through 6/4/25
Byers, Teri L.	DWES/1st Grade	Medical	1/14/25 through 6/4/25

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Ruckman, Paige A.	SWPSC/S Ed P-Sch	Medical	11/15/24 through 6/4/25
Santaguida, Sophie R.	BCES/3rd Grade	Medical	11/14/24 through 6/4/25
Smurthwaite, Amanda K.	BCES/Read Spec	Family	12/10/24 through 6/4/25
Tatman, Jessica M.	NMS/8 MA	Family	12/11/24 through 6/4/25
Whiteman, Madyson R.	BCES/4th Grade	Medical	11/29/24 through 6/4/25

2. Request for Reinstatement from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date of Reinstatement</u>
Tremittedi, Hannah N.	GCCS/Aux Counselor	12/3/24

3. Jury Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date Jury Duty Commences</u>
Dotson, Jason Chad	WHS/Asst. Principal	12/16/24
McConnell, Stefanie A.	GCHS/English	1/7/25

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Regular

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3319.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following teachers are nominated for a one-year contract effective as indicated, to be paid in accordance with the salary schedule adopted by the South-Western City Schools Board of Education at 100% unless otherwise indicated. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary Code</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Replacement For/ Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>
Banek, Lise V.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/Interv Spec	TBD
Baumgardner, Isaiah C.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-4	TBD
Dahlquist, Helen F.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-4	TBD
Hinterschied, Claire	E-0	8/18/25	TBD/Science 7-12	TBD
Marshall, Marion P.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-5	TBD
Melendez, Juliana	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K4	TBD
Reinhart, Robyn L.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-5	TBD
Rose, Kaylee A.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-5	TBD
Seguin, Audrey M.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-5	TBD
Snyder, Allison	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-4	TBD
Teets, Rachel L.	C-0	8/18/25	TBD/K-5	TBD

2. Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty

The following teachers have been nominated for supplemental contract assignments for the 2024-2025 school year. In accordance with Section 3319.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that the Board formally employ and grant supplemental contracts to these persons, to be paid in accordance with the current adopted salary schedule for supplemental duties. The Board of Education's obligation for these supplemental (Extra Duty) contracts is

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contingent upon the employee fulfilling the required certifications in the Board policy and State Board of Education Rules 3301-27-01 and 3301-27-02 and maintaining current certification in those areas.

Extracurricular Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty 1.6.25.pdf (137 KB)

3. Volunteer Coaches

It is recommended that the following volunteer coaches be approved as indicated in accordance with the Board's volunteer policy for the 2024-2025 school year.

<u>Beulah Park Middle School</u>
Keener, Noah B. - Wrestling
<u>Finland Middle School</u>
Marshall, Cornelius L. - Wrestling
<u>Pleasant View Middle School</u>
Ewing, RaNeal A. - Boys' Basketball
<u>Central Crossing High School</u>
Ebbrecht, Megan E. - Softball
<u>Grove City High School</u>
Grice, Molly K. - Girls' Basketball
Kidwell, Rick A. - Wrestling
Williams, John Barrett - Wrestling

4. Adult Hub Instructors

The following persons are recommended as Adult Training Hub Instructors for the 2024-2025 school year, to be paid the hourly rate indicated, time sheets to be submitted. Courses taught will be held at the South-Western Career Academy. This is funded through State of Ohio funds that are allotted for Adult Training Hub.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Harris, An'gelica	DSP	\$55
Luft Jr., Daniel B.	Welding	\$55
Novak, Michael J.	Electrical	\$55
Schooley, Camryn	Electrical	\$55

5. Substitute Teachers

In accordance with provisions of Section 3319.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following persons are nominated as substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year, in accordance with the salary schedule for substitutes adopted by the South-Western City Schools Board of Education. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provision of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3).

*Denotes SWCS retiree

Name

Beach, Caryn L.*
Bowles, Kyle A
Bray, Reagan L.
Brofford, Alexis D.
Clary, Kala M.
Detty, Logan M.

Harding, Tracie A.
Hatcher, Alan J.
Jordan, David J.
Paskvan, Jillian N.
Pine, Gabrielle A.
Plott, Ireland R.

Saxton, Melissa L.
Snyder, Allison A.
Souders, Kiersten B.
Thomas Jr., Aaron
Turner, Janta E.
Vandivier, Ashley J.

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Steinhauser, Makenna N.

6. Substitute Pool

The following persons are nominated for the substitute pool at a rate of \$150 per day effective as indicated. This employment is contingent upon receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39 (B)(3).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Baukman, Ashley N.	12/2/24
Darnell, Morgan A.	12/12/24
Ford, Jerri L.	12/9/24
Orahood, John T.	12/6/24
Stevenson, Christian H.	12/16/24

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mettler, Charlena F.	DSC/Custodian	12/12/24
Perry, Jennifer L.	NMS/Cook	12/11/24
Thompson Jr., Chris A.	DWES/CR Monitor	12/4/24
Valencia, Erik S.	PNES/ED Aide	12/13/24

2. Resignations - Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Stuller, Carolyn S.	HIS/AHES/ERC Aide	6/30/25

3. Resignations - Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Substitute Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Stewart, James W.	Bus Driver	12/16/24
Wright, Christina M.	Bus Aide	12/16/24

CLASSIFIED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Request for Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date of Leave</u>
Castle, Airelle M.	TRANS/Bus Aide	Medical	12/16/24 through 6/3/25
Espinal, Sheila C.	CCHS/Health Aide	Medical	1/13/25 through 6/3/25
Gallaher, Roger L.	FWIS/LR Monitor	Medical	12/10/24 through 6/3/25
Walters, Gregory D.	BPMS/Custodian	Medical	12/2/24 through 6/30/25

2. Request for Reinstatement from Leave of Absence

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date of Reinstatement</u>
Diggs, Deborah J.	HCIS/Cook	12/2/24

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Personnel Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Per Hour/ Hours</u>	<u>Effective Date Term of Employment</u>	<u>Location</u>
Meziane, Warda	PS Sp Ed Aide	\$19.49/6.5	12/2/24 through 6/4/25	FES

2. Classified Substitutes

It is recommended that the following persons be approved for "on call" work on an hourly basis in the positions indicated, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. They will be paid the hourly rate indicated, time sheets to be submitted. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCI, which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). It is understood that all requirements for operation of a school bus in the State of Ohio must be met before substitute bus drivers can be called to work.

Substitute Bus Driver - \$20.50 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$24.18 per hour)

Justus, Donald J.
Schuh, Jack H.
Smith, Terry D.
Stephens Jr., John C.
Stewart, James W.
Varney, Lorri A.
Watson, Donald S.

Substitute Custodian - \$16.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$20.58 per hour)

Esper Jr., John A.
Riggs, Thomas G.*
Wheaton, Courtney S.

Substitute Interpreter - \$26.86 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$33.06 per hour)

Storts, Natalie G.

Substitute SED, DH, Bus Aide - \$16.50 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.49 per hour)

Cossin, Robert K.
Ritchie, Jeffrey W.
Sedlock, Timothy P.
Storts, Natalie G.

Substitute Aide - \$16.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.49 per hour)

Storts, Natalie G.

3. Permanent Appointment Recommendations

The following employees have successfully completed their probationary period and are recommended for permanent employment on the effective date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monroe, Margaret K.	Secretary II	2/11/25	FHHS
Pagano, Elizabeth A.	Secretary II	2/1/25	DWES

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

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Roll Call:

Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye
Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

25-13 **Mrs. Peterson moved** that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Master Calendar & Calamity Day Contingency Plan item as presented.

1. 2025-2026 Master Calendar

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Master Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

[2025-2026 Calendar for 11-18-2024 Board Mtg.pdf \(52 KB\)](#)

[2025-2026 Graphic Calendar for 11-18-2024 Board Mtg.pdf \(191 KB\)](#)

2. 2025-2026 Calamity Day Contingency Plan

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the calamity day contingency plan for the 2025-2026 school year.

School districts are required annually to adopt a resolution specifying a contingency plan under which the district's students will make up days on which it was necessary to close schools in excess of the allotted calamity days that can be waived by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The resolution shall provide a plan for making up the missed school days. The resolution shall not conflict with any collective bargaining agreement that is in effect in the district.

WHEREAS, school districts are required annually to adopt a resolution specifying a contingency plan under which the district's students will make up days on which it was necessary to close schools in excess of the calamity days that can be waived by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the South-Western City School District adopts the following contingency plan for the 2025-2026 school year.

The following days are designated as make-up days for students:

June 2, 2026 If utilized as a student day, in-service will be on the next non-student day.

The excess days will be made up June 3, June 4, June 5, etc., 2026 as needed.

The designation of the contingency days does not affect the number of work days established for each work group by the collective bargaining agreements with South-Western Administrator's Association, South-Western Education Association, and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees.

Mrs. Peterson stated this is the same calendar that was presented in November. She stated after discussions, they have decided to bring this calendar to vote, but in the future will take into consideration public and parent feedback.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Mr. Boso stated that the Board has learned a lot from SWEA and the community about creating the school calendar.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation relative to non-agenda items.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Board Items
 - a. There were no Board Items for discussion.

25-14 Mr. Boso moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye;	Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;	Ms. Liskany, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Chris Boso
President

Hugh W. Garside, Jr.
Treasurer